Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 11 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 12 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 11 Dec 2021 at 03:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled changeable conditions through the forecast period, but confidence lowering in the timing and extent of worst of weather from late Sunday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 11 Dec 2021: Dull with rain and early summit snow, also gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 11 Dec 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light rain	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	80%	80%	50%	20%

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Weather: Rain and snow spreading from the west early morning, to reach all by late morning, heavy at times. Snow level initially around 600m, soon turning to rain at all levels. Becoming drier with clear spells and scattered showers in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% lowering 20% by noon, then becoming 80% late in the evening.

Visibility: Becoming moderate to very poor in the rain and snow, then improving again during the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	22/27 SW	31/40 S	42/55 S	34/42 S	32/39 SW	31/38 SW	29/36 SW
900	17/22 SW	24/33 S	32/45 S	26/34 S	22/29 SW	20/27 SW	19/26 SW
600	13/22 SW	16/29 S	24/43 S	17/29 S	12/24 SW	13/25 SW	12/23 SW
300	3/11 W	6/16 W	9/19 SW	5/13 SW	2/6 NW	3/8 W	4/10 W
Glen	4/11 W	6/16 SW	8/20 SW	10/23 SW	5/13 W	5/10 W	5/12 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-2/-9	-2/-10	-1/-10	1/-6	1/-7	0/-8	-0/-8
900	-0/-7	-0/-8	0/-8	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5
600	1/-3	1/-4	1/-5	3/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1
300	0/-2	2/-1	3/-0	3/1	3/2	4/2	3/2
Glen	1/-1	2/-0	3/0	4/1	4/2	5/3	4/2
Freezing Level*	300m	700m	1800m	2000m	1600m	1200m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Some difficult conditions with the significant wind chill in summit gales, coupled with hill fog and driving rain and snow, perhaps also blizzards during the morning across highest peaks.

Forecast for Sunday 12 Dec 2021
Weather: Dry and bright start. Cloud increasing from the south through the morning, bringing an area of mostly light and patchy rain and summit snow for the afternoon and evening, with summit winds increasing to severe gale across higher peaks for the evening.

Maximum wind: South to southwest increasing from early evening, becoming late evening mean 40-45mph with gusts reaching 65mph across more exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% lowering 40% from late afternoon.

Visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in later rain and summit snow, also very poor in hill fog that becomes relatively extensive from late afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius increasing 10 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Zero increasing plus 3 Celsius late evening
Freezing level: 800m lifting above all summits for the evening

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